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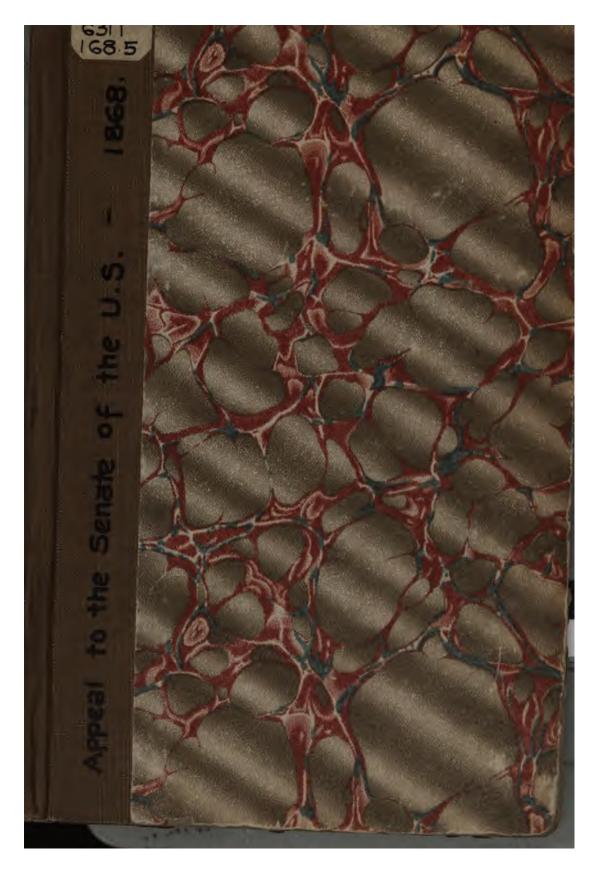
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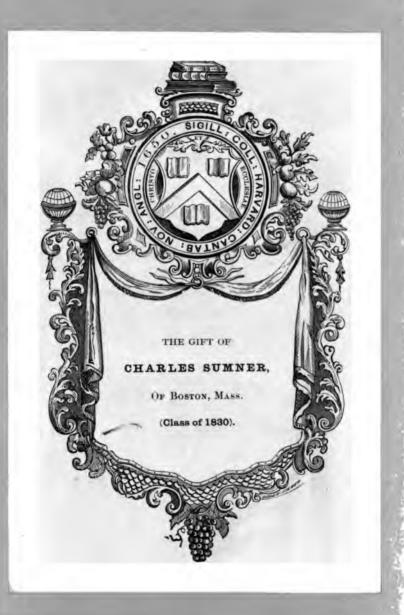
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SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN BEHALF OF THE CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AGAINST THE ADOPTION, BY CONGRESS, OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA.

To the Honorable the Senate of the United States of America:

The undersigned, in behalf of a large portion of the good people of the State of South Carolina, respectfully appeal to your honorable body, to arrest the adoption of the new Constitution proposed for said State. In spite of the respectful remonstrance submitted to the House of Representatives and to the Senate, we find that the former body have given to said instrument their approval. For the sake of all classes of our people, for considerations affecting the peace of society, in view of the substantial interests of the State, put in jeopardy by an organic law, which may truthfully be characterized as a political abortion, the offspring of incapacity and prejudice and hate, we submit our case—the case of the conservatism of South Carolina—to the high court of last resort, the Senate of the country.

In addition to the arguments contained in the remonstrance paper, and in the address made to the Reconstruction Committee of the House of Representatives, herewith submitted, we respectfully invite the attention of your honorable body to the exhibits

hereto appended, and marked "A," "B" and "C."

1. Exhibit "A" gives the items, and shows the amount of taxation provided for in the new Constitution. The State is now sadly impoverished. The property which her people had in their slaves has been swept away; it is true, given up by and with the consent of the State; nevertheless, that property no longer represents capital and value. The ravages of war, the marks of the conqueror's torch, The labor of the country is passing from are everywhere visible. one state to another, and is disturbed and demoralized. The flower of the commonwealth have fallen on the battle-field, and the broken fortunes and disappointed hopes of a proud people weigh heavily upon the energies of at least the old and the less sanguine amongst us. Yet, under these circumstances, affecting enough to touch the sympathies of every manly nature, and in violation, as we conceive it, of the political inheritance of our forefathers, here in South Carolina, we are threatened with the onus of a monstrous plan of public spoliation, under the guise of an equitable system of taxation. Under the forms of law, it is proposed to take away the little that the war has left us. "Taxation without representation" is combined with "representation without taxation." Thus, in South Carolina, it is contemplated to revive the tyranny of the British Parliament in 1776, and to add thereto a new and startling feature.

We refer you now to exhibit "A." Although South Carolina is struggling for bread, yet observe how, under the new Constitution, the burdens of taxation have been increased:

Proposed now to be raised\$2,2	30,950
Before the war, amount about	350,000
Proposed now to be levied on the real estate of the State 3 pe	er cent.
Before the war $\frac{1}{2}$ pe	
But when there is taken into consideration the depreciation	of the
value of property since the war, the difference is far greater	. For
illustration, take the case of a piece of property, in a town,	before
the war, worth say\$	
Levied before the war on this ½ per cent., making	50
Now, at same valuation, it pays at 3 per cent	300
Thus the proportion stands as 1 to 6. But this is not all:	
The property valued before the war at \$10,000, has now a	
value of	\$3,000
Before the war, a tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. levied on this would give.:	15
But to raise the \$300 required now, demands a tax of 10 per	
cent	300

Thus, taking into consideration the depreciation of the value of real estate, the proportion stands as 1 to 20, or the taxation provided

for in the new Constitution is absolutely twenty times as great as before the war. Nor is this all. But in the case of land, which has depreciated more in value than city property, the proportion is even greater than the one established above. In fact, it is now a common thing to find large tracts of land sold by the Sheriff for less than the amount of taxes resting thereupon.

2. Exhibit "B" shows that the Constitutional Convention was composed of:

Whites 47 Colored 74
74 colored pay of taxes. \$117 93 1 alone paying. 85 35
Hence 73 colored pay
47 whites pay \$761 62 1 white (conservative) paying 508 85
Hence 46 whites pay\$252 76
Or less than \$6 each. Of the 47 white members, 23 pay no tax at all, and of the 74 colored members, 59 pay no tax at all. Of the whites, at least one-fourth were Government employees and Northern adventurers, and of the colored men, a goodly number were from abroad. 3. Exhibit "C" shows that the Legislature, elected under the new Constitution, stands thus, exclusive of the Districts of Marion and Lancaster, as the Democratic success in these Districts is contested: Senate. Whites
House of Representatives.
Whites 37 Colored 86 — —
Total.
Whites

Or nearly 2 colored to 1 white.

98 colored pay of taxes.....

1 colored paying 83 35
Hence 97 colored pay
57 whites pay \$491 49 11 conservative whites pay 194 43
Hence 46 whites pay. \$297 06 Or less than \$7 each.
Of these 57 white members, 24 pay no taxes at all. Of these 98 colored members, 67 pay no taxes at all.
With regard to the State Government: The officers consist of 7
whites and 1 colored—the colored man having the paid office of
least profit.
As to taxes: The Governor pays
Secretary of State
Comptroller-General 00 00
Attorney-General 00 00
Superintendent of Education 00 00
Lieutenant-Governor
Making
an average each\$2 11
Thus have the Committee truthfully represented to the honorable
Senate the character of the men, as well those who framed the
Constitution, as those who are to legislate under its provisions. It
will be seen that they represent not the wealth of the State, neither
its commercial, nor its agricultural, nor its mechanical interests.
That they do not represent its intelligence, its tone and its senti-
ments, may be regarded as a self-evident proposition, to establish
which requires no argument. It is shown, also, how little inter-

In behalf, therefore, of justice and fair dealing, representing the just claims of the white citizens of South Carolina, without further

which Congress has given to the South.

ested in the matter of excessive taxation they will be who shall levy the taxes, and how very little of taxes they will represent who shall make the laws in South Carolina; and how small an amount, too, they will be found to contribute to the revenues of the State, who shall mainly—nay, almost entirely—sustain the new law-givers, comments, we have the honor respectfully to submit the statistical argument contained in these exhibits, and to express the hope that it may appear to your honorable body, weighty enough to induce the rejection, at your hands, of the Constitution proposed for South Carolina.

WADE HAMPTON, JOHN P. THOMAS, F. W. McMASTER, JOS. DAN'L. POPE, SAM'L. McGOWAN, W. M. SHANNON, State Central Executive Committee.

EXHIBIT A.

An Estimate of the Taxes of the State of South Carolina, under the provisions of the Constitution lately adopted. 1 School-house to each 16 square miles of territory making 1,800 school-houses in the State, at \$200 **\$**360,000 each..... 1,800 Teachers, each at \$300 per annum...... 540,000 1 State Superintendent of Education..... 3.000 31 School Commissioners, each \$1,000..... 31,000 1 State Normal School, Building and Teachers..... 10,000 Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institutions..... 10,000 State Reform School..... 10,000 Conversion of Citadel in Charleston into an Institution 30,000 of Learning..... Educational estimate..... \$994,000 Current Expenses of State, according to General Canby's Tax Bills, is \$470,000, less Free Schools included above \$25,000, making..... 445,000 \$1,439,000 Add 5 per cent. expenses of collection..... 71,950 \$1,510,950 Interest on \$6,000,000 State Debt from July, 1866, to 720,000 Total amount of Taxes.....\$2,230,950 N. B.—The late assessment of real estate throughout the State, city, town and country, is \$70,507,075, on which a tax levied of 3 per cent. will raise \$2,115,212. If real estate owners are to defray the expenses of the State, it will require more than 3 per cent. to meet them. Formerly it was about 1 per cent., and that, too, when lands and real estate in general had not depreciated in value.

EXHIBIT B.

List of Delegates to the Convention which was held at Charleston, January 14, 1868, and ended March 17, 1868.

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